

## In the Specification

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please amend paragraph [0040] as follows:

[0040] This formula gives the transmission T of the device provided with a metallic guide, and is as follows:

$$\left[ \left[ T = e^{-rs} z \frac{a \sin^2 \alpha}{4A} \right] \right]$$

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$$T = e^{-\rho\sigma z} \frac{\pi a \sin^2 \alpha}{4A}$$

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In this formula:

- A is the metallic guide section (in m<sup>2</sup>),
- a is the section (in m<sup>2</sup>) of the optical fibre that is coupled to the scatterer and in which the laser beam is to be centred,
- α is the numerical aperture angle of the fibre,
- z is the guide length (in m),
- ρ is the density of particles that scatter light (number per m<sup>3</sup>), and
- σ is the scattering cross section (in m<sup>2</sup>).

Please amend paragraph [0067] as follows:

[0067] In the case of a straight propagation, the variation dL of luminance L (in W/m<sup>2</sup>/sr) when crossing a thickness dz of an elementary volume is such that:

$$\left[ \left[ \frac{dL}{dz} = -(a + b)L \right] \right]$$

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$$\frac{dL}{dz} = -(\alpha + \beta)L$$

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where α is the absorption coefficient (in m<sup>-1</sup>) and β the scattering coefficient (in m<sup>-1</sup>).

Please amend paragraph [0072] as follows:

[0072] The total luminance  $I$  in the direction  $\vec{s}$  at point  $r$  is dissociated into two terms corresponding to the reduced incident luminance  $I_{ri}$  and the scattered luminance  $I_d$ . The following two equations are obtained:

$$\left[ \left[ \frac{dI_{ri}}{ds}(r, \vec{s}) = -\rho\sigma_t I_{ri}(r, \vec{s}) \right] \right] \quad \frac{dI_{ri}}{ds}(r, \vec{s}) = -\rho\sigma_t I_{ri}(r, \vec{s})$$


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$$\frac{\rho\sigma_t}{4\pi} \int_{4\pi} \rho(\vec{s}, \vec{s}') I_{ri}(r, \vec{s}') d\omega' \frac{dI_d}{ds}(r, \vec{s}) = -\rho\sigma_t I_d(r, \vec{s}) = \frac{\rho\sigma_t}{4\pi} \int_{4\pi} \rho(\vec{s}, \vec{s}') I_d(r, \vec{s}') d\omega' + \epsilon(r, \vec{s}) + \epsilon_{ri}(r, \vec{s})$$

$$\text{where } \left[ \left[ \epsilon_{ri}(r, \vec{s}) = \frac{\rho\sigma_t}{4\pi} \int_{4\pi} \rho(\vec{s}, \vec{s}') I_{ri}(r, \vec{s}') d\omega' \right] \right] \quad \epsilon_{ri}(r, \vec{s}) = \frac{\rho\sigma_t}{4\pi} \int_{4\pi} \rho(\vec{s}, \vec{s}') I_{ri}(r, \vec{s}') d\omega'$$


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Please amend paragraph [0075] as follows:

[0075] In these equations,

$$[[h = 2\rho\sigma_{tr}/3 \text{ and } K_d = 3\rho\sigma_{tr}\rho\sigma_a]] \quad h = 2\rho\sigma_{tr}/3 \text{ and } K_d = 3\rho\sigma_{tr}\rho\sigma_a$$


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where  $\sigma_{tr} = \sigma_a + \sigma_s(1-\mu)$  and  $\mu$  is the cosine of the average scattering angle.

Please replace paragraph [0076] with the following amended paragraph:

The scattered illumination at a point  $r$  is then expressed as follows:

$$U_d(r) = \int_v G(r, r') Q(r') dV' + \int_s \frac{G(r, r') Q_1(r')}{2\pi h} dS'$$

where  $Q(\vec{r}) = Q(r, \theta, z) =$

$$\left[ \left[ 3\rho\sigma_t \frac{P_0}{\pi W^2} \exp(-\rho\sigma_t z) \exp\left(\frac{-2r^2}{W^2}\right), \right] \right] \underline{3\rho\sigma_t \frac{P_0}{\pi W^2} \exp(-\rho\sigma_t z) \exp\left(\frac{-2r^2}{W^2}\right)}, \text{ where}$$

$Q_1(\vec{r})$  is zero for isotropic scattering,  $dV$  is the volume of the sample,  $P_0$  is the incident power of the laser beam and  $W$  is the radius at  $1/e^2$  of the laser beam.

Please replace paragraph [0083] with the following amended paragraph:

[[0083]] The order of magnitude of this value can be found by simple considerations. The reduced incident illumination decreases in the following form:

$$\left[ \left[ U_{ri}(z) = K1x \frac{\exp(-rs t^2)}{\theta^2 z^2} \right] \right] \underline{U_{ri}(z) = K1x \frac{\exp(-\rho\sigma_t z)}{\theta^2 z^2}}$$

where  $K1$  is a proportionality constant and  $\theta$  is the aperture angle at  $1/e^2$  of the laser beam in the material, while we can write the following for the scattered illumination, due to the conservation of energy, and assuming that this illumination is constant over a sphere of radius  $z$ :

$$[[ 4\pi z^2 U_d(z) = K2x(1-\exp(-\rho\sigma_t z)) ]]$$

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where  $K2$  is a proportionality constant.